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Blotches correction and contrast enhancement for old film pictures

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Abstract:

A complete system for old picture restoration is described: in particular, a frame alignment method, a simple deblotching algorithm and a nonlinear approach for contrast **enhancement** are proposed. The frame alignment uses a global motion compensation, with a logarithmic search for the correction vector. The blotch removal step consists of two stages. Blotches are first detected using two suitable morphological operators; the resulting pixel maps are merged and then validated using an estimate of the motion. Secondly, a multilevel median filter is used to replace sets of pixels identified as blotches. For contrast **enhancement** we use a rational unsharp masking technique which is able to effectively treat the high resolution **images**. To comply with the film properties the sharpening operator acts strongly in the **dark regions** and weakly in the bright ones. It can also reduce noise in homogeneous areas

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S41	897	(median) near2 (gray\$6 or grey\$6 or ((pixel or pel or (picture element)) adj value\$1) or intensit\$3 or brightness\$2 or luminance)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	ADJ	OFF	2004/11/27 15:26
S42	43	(median) near3 derivative\$1	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	ADJ	OFF	2004/11/27 15:26
S43	0	S41 and S42	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	ADJ	OFF	2004/11/27 15:26
S44	4125	((382/181,190,195,206,272,274,173, 180) or (358/504,406)).CCLS.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/27 16:50
S45	10	(S34 or S42) and S44	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/27 16:51
S46	6	S45 not S35	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/27 16:51
S47	3637	(mean or average\$1 or median) near3 slope	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	ADJ	OFF	2004/11/27 17:01
S48	197	S33 and S47	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	ADJ	OFF	2004/11/27 17:02

S49	58	S33 same S47	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	ADJ	OFF	2004/11/27 17:09
S50	916	(382/173,180).CCLS.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 11:11
S51	79851	(dark\$3 or black\$3 or lowest) near4 (portion\$1 or region\$1 or area\$1 or partition\$1 or subportion\$1 or subregion\$1 or subarea\$1 or subpartition\$1 or column\$1 or row\$1)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 11:16
S52	252	S50 and S51	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 11:15
S53	72511	(dark\$3 or black\$3 or lowest) near3 (segment\$1 or portion\$1 or region\$1 or area\$1 or partition\$1 or subportion\$1 or subregion\$1 or subarea\$1 or subpartition\$1 or column\$1 or row\$1)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 11:18
S54	67206	(dark\$4 or black\$4) near4 (segment\$1 or portion\$1 or region\$1 or area\$1 or partition\$1 or subportion\$1 or subregion\$1 or subarea\$1 or subpartition\$1 or column\$1 or row\$1)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 11:18
S55	64277	(dark\$4 or black\$4) near4 (segment\$1 or portion\$1 or region\$1 or area\$1 or partition\$1 or subportion\$1 or subregion\$1 or subarea\$1 or subpartition\$1)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 11:18
S56	246	S50 and S55	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 11:18
S57	26142	(darkness or darkest or dark or blackness or blackest) near3 (segment\$1 or portion\$1 or region\$1 or area\$1 or partition\$1 or subportion\$1 or subregion\$1 or subarea\$1 or subpartition\$1 or column\$1 or row\$1)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 11:19
S58	26169	(darkness or darkest or dark or blackness or blackest or (black adj value\$1)) near3 (segment\$1 or portion\$1 or region\$1 or area\$1 or partition\$1 or subportion\$1 or subregion\$1 or subarea\$1 or subpartition\$1 or column\$1 or row\$1)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 11:37
S59	72	S50 and S58	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 11:35
S60	651	segmentation and S58	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 11:36

S61	606	S60 not S59	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 11:35
S62	339	S61 and ("382"/\$ or "358"/\$).ccls.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 11:36
S63	107	(segmentation or segmenting) same S58	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 11:37
S64	74	S63 and ("382"/\$ or "358"/\$).ccls.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 11:37
S65	63	S64 not S59	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 11:38
S66	25377	(darkness or darkest or dark or blackness or blackest or (black adj value\$1)) near3 (segment\$1 or portion\$1 or region\$1 or area\$1 or partition\$1 or subportion\$1 or subregion\$1 or subarea\$1 or subpartition\$1)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/12/02 12:27
S67	103	(segmentation or segmenting) same S66	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 11:37
S68	70	S67 and ("382"/\$ or "358"/\$).ccls.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 12:12
S69	59	S68 not S59	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 11:50
S70	1	("5,327,262").PN.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 11:50
S71	1651	((uniform\$2 or constant or stable or consistent or flat) near (gray\$6 or grey\$6 or brightness\$2 or intensit\$3 or luminance)) near3 (segment\$1 or portion\$1 or region\$1 or area\$1 or partition\$1 or subportion\$1 or subregion\$1 or subarea\$1 or subpartition\$1)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 12:38
S72	286	S71 and S66	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 12:38
S73	76	S72 and ("382"/\$ or "358"/\$).ccls.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 12:38
S74	1123	(homogenous) near3 (segment\$1 or portion\$1 or region\$1 or area\$1 or partition\$1 or subportion\$1 or subregion\$1 or subarea\$1 or subpartition\$1)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 12:38
S75	49	S74 and S66	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 12:38
S76	19	S75 and ("382"/\$ or "358"/\$).ccls.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/11/29 12:39

S77	61	(darkest or blackest or ((most or highest or greatest) adj (black or dark))) near3 (region\$1 or area\$1 or neighborhood\$1 or section\$1 or part\$1 or portion\$1)	DERWENT	OR	OFF	2004/12/01 17:56
S78	1194	(darkest or blackest or ((most or highest or greatest) adj (black or dark))) near3 (region\$1 or area\$1 or neighborhood\$1 or section\$1 or part\$1 or portion\$1)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/12/02 12:23
S79	450	S78 and ("382"/\$ or "358"/\$ or "348"/\$).ccls.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/12/01 18:05
S80	1203	(darkest or blackest or ((most or highest or greatest) adj (black or dark))) near3 (region\$1 or area\$1 or neighborhood\$1 or section\$1 or part\$1 or portion\$1 or segment\$1)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/12/01 18:04
S81	198	S80 and (normali\$6)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/12/01 18:05
S82	110	S81 and ("382"/\$ or "358"/\$ or "348"/\$).ccls.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2004/12/01 18:05